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## REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1953

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## POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st March, 1953 -

Males - 318,401;

Females - 299,280;

Persons - 617,681

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1952 -

Persons - 346,000

## MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	JUNE		6 Months Ended JUNE	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Marriages - Number	375	357	2,604	2,891
*Rate per 1000 of Population	7.35	7.25	8.50	9.75
Births - Number	1,388	1,203	7,984	7,697
*Rate per 1000 of Population	27.22	24.44	26.07	25.95
Deaths - Number	463	381	2,342	2,416
*Rate per 1000 of Population	9.08	7.74	7.65	8.15
Infant Mortality - Number	36	21	195	206
*Rate per 1000 Live Births	25.94	17.46	24.42	26.76
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis	6	4	27	44
Malignant neoplasms	59	44	365	321
Diabetes mellitus	3	1	14	18
Diseases of blood, etc.	3	4	8	13
Cerebral haemorrhage etc.	65	43	248	284
Diseases of the heart	148	113	705	675
Hypertension with heart disease	16	11	67	64
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	8	7	40	27
Arteriosclerosis	16	13	81	85
Influenza	-	1	3	8
Pneumonia	14	14	76	80
Bronchitis	4	6	20	16
Other respiratory disease	6	2	17	36
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	19	22
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	-	14	15
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	-	4	7
Cirrhosis of the liver	3	3	9	5
Nephritis and nephrosis	8	11	34	43
Diseases of the prostate	2	6	18	32
Maternal causes	-	-	3	10
Diseases of early infancy	20	15	116	134
Motor vehicle accidents	25	23	96	110
Other accidents	13	9	102	99
Suicide	2	7	23	40
All other causes	40	44	233	228
Total.	463	381	2,342	2,416

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

\* Deaths under one year.





## LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the seven months ended July, 1953 totalled 660,968 acres, an increase of 10,506 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,933,567 acres, a decrease of 29,732.

## STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Revenue	£. 3,131,372	£. 2,598,254	£. 38,097,445	£. 33,955,157
Revenue per Head of Population	£5. 0. 8	£4. 6. 3	£62. 3. 10	£57. 8. 9
Expenditure	£3,545,832	£3,130,982	£40,178,910	£34,546,768
Expenditure per Head of Population	£5.14. 0	£5. 4. 0	£65.11. 9	£58. 8. 9

## SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances on the 31st July, 1953 amounted to £49,976,142 or £80. 4. 4d. per head of population as against £47,737,583 or £79. 2. 6d. per head as at the 31st July last year.

## BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the 5 weeks ended 29th July, 1953 amounted to £11,726,905 compared with £10,468,865 for the corresponding period last year.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		JULY		12 Months Ended JUNE	
		1953	1952	1953	1952
Transfers	No.	2,150	1,732	20,774	22,366
	£.	2,676,521	1,944,015	25,309,935	29,682,045
Mortgages	No.	1,852	1,096	15,878	15,441
	£.	3,005,698	1,947,742	22,829,792	21,667,657
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,311	997	11,295	11,205

## SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Twelve months ended JUNE, 1953	35,631,720	25,282,620	84,922,076	5,401,064
Twelve months ended JUNE, 1952	36,965,858	28,016,523	87,011,027	5,520,231
Month of JULY, 1953	2,979,099	2,393,694	8,159,519	428,661
Month of JULY, 1952	3,124,492	2,137,946	7,311,758	488,323

# 1953 SUMMARY

and down up over conditional situation during the seven months ending July, 1953, for 1953, 500,000, on basis of 10,000,000, on the corresponding period last year. Expenditure, general and miscellaneous, increased by 1,935,000, on basis of 29,732.

## STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of July		12 Months ended June	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Revenue	2,131,750	2,131,750	21,097,445	21,097,445
Expenditure	2,131,750	2,131,750	21,097,445	21,097,445
Surplus	0	0	0	0

## 1953 SUMMARY

Expenditure, 1953, on the first July, 1953, amounted to 21,097,445, or 100% of the 1952 amount of 21,097,445, or 100% of the 1951 amount of 21,097,445.

## 1953 SUMMARY

The average monthly expenditure for the 12 months ended June 1953, amounted to 1,758,120, or 100% of the 1952 average of 1,758,120, or 100% of the 1951 average of 1,758,120.

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	1953	1952	1953	1952
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Expenditure	2,131,750	2,131,750	21,097,445	21,097,445
Surplus	0	0	0	0

# COMPANIES REGISTERED

21 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £1,640,000 and 6 Foreign Companies were registered during the month of July, 1953. Registrations for the corresponding month last year comprised 10 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £855,000 and 6 Foreign Companies.

# BANKRUPTCY

	Month of JULY					
	1953			1952		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	4	25,224	17,457	5	16,079	6,986
Deeds of Assignment (a)	3	5,551	8,915	3	5,427	4,326
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

# TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	MAY		11 Months Ended MAY	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Gross Earnings (a) * £.	840,200	771,800	7,244,100	8,568,400
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,189,807	933,506	11,169,487	9,557,776
Train Miles Run No.	592,324	532,561	4,103,912	6,380,824
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b)167,451	(b) 171,745	(c)1,792,280	(c)1,680,712
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	947,420	1,019,785	5,768,155	10,078,070
Motor Bus No.	57,938	58,183	587,618	539,563
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	282,259	245,913	2,254,503	2,738,621
Livestock	7,975	7,748	121,425	119,616
Departmental (Free Freight)	70,104	86,032	590,072	821,083
Total.	360,338	339,693	2,966,000	3,679,320
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	46,602,122	38,032,708	356,081,726	423,496,627
Livestock	1,019,673	1,069,748	15,334,855	15,692,633
Departmental (Free Freight)	8,605,574	9,762,671	78,679,763	88,899,012
Total.	56,227,169	48,865,127	450,096,344	528,088,272

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 2nd May.

(c) Period ended 2nd May.

\* Figures liable to revision.







MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1950	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
<u>1952 -</u>								
June	238	129	16	68	501	388	18	115
<u>1953 -</u>								
January	272	94	-	80	492	296	5	119
February	291	151	1	69	556	369	2	121
March	326	119	6	72	627	334	8	124
April	292	161	4	51	545	439	6	93
May	330	139	2	52	566	425	2	80
June	272	160	8	45	501	390	11	76

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) /

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1950 -</u>								
June	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
<u>1951 -</u>								
June	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
<u>1952 -</u>								
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
<u>1953 -</u>								
January	40,516	17,384	530	*9,981	66,392	50,193	976	*14,723
February	40,644	17,438	527	*9,954	67,497	51,806	1,002	*15,136
March	40,931	17,501	530	*9,966	68,465	52,738	1,016	*15,420
April	41,155	17,564	533	*9,984	68,833	52,618	1,022	*15,425
May	41,271	17,552	530	*9,937	69,502	53,367	1,024	*15,545
June	41,231	18,394	537	9,855	69,833	54,639	1,035	15,559

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for June, 1953:-

84 Cars; 781 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 8 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

\* Revised.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, June 1953 and 1952, and twelve months ended June 1953 and 1952, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	JUNE		12 Months Ended JUNE		JUNE		12 Months Ended JUNE	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	2,249	2,604	29,874	60,237	5,245	5,467	87,645	79,551
Interstate	6,709	5,633	68,606	62,104	3,627	7,347	25,281	18,142
Total.	8,958	8,237	98,480	122,341	8,872	12,814	112,926	97,693



# BUILDING ACTIVITY

## (1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953 -										
March Qr.	706	1,614	935	2,391	17	214	172	657	1,830	4,876
June Qr.	767	1,830	1,229	3,191	15	241	129	597	2,140	5,859

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excludcd from Table (2) hereunder.

## (2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Including Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953 -										
March Qr.	660	2,004	139	364	823	1,587	8	14	1,630	3,969
June Qr.	700	2,132	288	787	986	2,044	7	17	1,981	4,980

## BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

1,178,230 lbs. were produced during July, 1953 and 14,411,212 lbs. for the twelve months ended June, 1953, as against 1,459,513 lbs. and 14,639,655 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1952.

## GOLD PRODUCTION

	JULY		7 Months Ended JULY	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Quantity ..... Fine Ozs.	70,975	64,854	480,135	417,100
Value (Aust. Currency) * £.	1,099,517	1,004,704	7,438,079	6,461,621

\* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the seven months ended July, 1953 amounted to £611,962. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1952 amounted to £390,025.

Date		Description		Amount	
1941	1-1	Balance		100.00	
1941	1-15	Payment		50.00	
1941	2-1	Payment		25.00	
1941	2-15	Payment		75.00	
1941	3-1	Payment		100.00	
1941	3-15	Payment		50.00	
1941	4-1	Payment		25.00	
1941	4-15	Payment		75.00	
1941	5-1	Payment		100.00	
1941	5-15	Payment		50.00	
1941	6-1	Payment		25.00	
1941	6-15	Payment		75.00	
1941	7-1	Payment		100.00	
1941	7-15	Payment		50.00	
1941	8-1	Payment		25.00	
1941	8-15	Payment		75.00	
1941	9-1	Payment		100.00	
1941	9-15	Payment		50.00	
1941	10-1	Payment		25.00	
1941	10-15	Payment		75.00	
1941	11-1	Payment		100.00	
1941	11-15	Payment		50.00	
1941	12-1	Payment		25.00	
1941	12-15	Payment		75.00	
1941	12-31	Balance		100.00	

Date		Description		Amount	
1942	1-1	Balance		100.00	
1942	1-15	Payment		50.00	
1942	2-1	Payment		25.00	
1942	2-15	Payment		75.00	
1942	3-1	Payment		100.00	
1942	3-15	Payment		50.00	
1942	4-1	Payment		25.00	
1942	4-15	Payment		75.00	
1942	5-1	Payment		100.00	
1942	5-15	Payment		50.00	
1942	6-1	Payment		25.00	
1942	6-15	Payment		75.00	
1942	7-1	Payment		100.00	
1942	7-15	Payment		50.00	
1942	8-1	Payment		25.00	
1942	8-15	Payment		75.00	
1942	9-1	Payment		100.00	
1942	9-15	Payment		50.00	
1942	10-1	Payment		25.00	
1942	10-15	Payment		75.00	
1942	11-1	Payment		100.00	
1942	11-15	Payment		50.00	
1942	12-1	Payment		25.00	
1942	12-15	Payment		75.00	
1942	12-31	Balance		100.00	

Date		Description		Amount	
1943	1-1	Balance		100.00	
1943	1-15	Payment		50.00	
1943	2-1	Payment		25.00	
1943	2-15	Payment		75.00	
1943	3-1	Payment		100.00	
1943	3-15	Payment		50.00	
1943	4-1	Payment		25.00	
1943	4-15	Payment		75.00	
1943	5-1	Payment		100.00	
1943	5-15	Payment		50.00	
1943	6-1	Payment		25.00	
1943	6-15	Payment		75.00	
1943	7-1	Payment		100.00	
1943	7-15	Payment		50.00	
1943	8-1	Payment		25.00	
1943	8-15	Payment		75.00	
1943	9-1	Payment		100.00	
1943	9-15	Payment		50.00	
1943	10-1	Payment		25.00	
1943	10-15	Payment		75.00	
1943	11-1	Payment		100.00	
1943	11-15	Payment		50.00	
1943	12-1	Payment		25.00	
1943	12-15	Payment		75.00	
1943	12-31	Balance		100.00	



# RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	JUNE QUARTER		12 Months Ended JUNE		JUNE QUARTER		12 Months Ended JUNE	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
Metropolitan Area	2594	2308	2493	2176	2290	2158	2245	2035
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2725	2512	2677	2344	2358	2251	2334	2122
Northam	2610	2374	2550	2227	2310	2180	2270	2039
Bunbury	2603	2356	2538	2221	2298	2178	2268	2055
Geraldton	2678	2409	2607	2266	2415	2285	2380	2137
Collie	2623	2379	2561	2227	2198	2070	2162	1952

## ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1952			1953		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	127,021	40,611	167,632	127,573	39,805	167,378
February	127,314	41,319	168,633	128,682	40,835	169,517
March	127,666	41,367	169,033	129,232	41,012	170,244
April	126,905	41,326	168,231	129,666	41,211	170,877
May	126,734	41,110	167,844	129,673	41,189	170,862
June	126,001	40,564	166,565	130,185	41,029	171,214
July	125,215	40,408	165,623			
August	125,577	40,115	165,692			
September	125,235	40,272	165,507			
October	126,306	40,389	166,695			
November	126,330	40,541	166,871			
December	126,684	40,719	167,403			

## EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1949	1950	1951	1952(a)	1953(a)	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
January	179	194	208	214	216	1354	1410	1490	1540	1538
February	182	197	212	216	219	1358	1387	1495	1536	1541
March	186	200	215	216	222	1371	1415	1513	1522	1534
April	187	200	215	215	223	1377	1415	1508	1517	1550
May	187	203	216	214	224	1354	1418	1500	1512	1557
June	187	202	215	211	224	1362	1429	1517	1495	1575
July	182	204	218	210		1381	1423	1517	1497	
August	189	204	217	214		1377	1419	1510	1488	
September	190	204	216	213		1365	1428	1518	1485	
October	191	206	217	214		1375	1431	1522	1507	
November	192	207	217	214		1402	1450	1537	1519	
December	194	207	215	215		1470	1531	1587	1574	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1952 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.



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STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
27/7/53	12. 6. 6	8. 0. 3	12. 6. 0	7. 19. 11	12. 9. 4	8. 2. 1

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA  
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	JULY		12 Months Ended JUNE	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	34,659	30,997	350,188	323,781
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	30,982	27,304	310,605	281,645

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
July, 1953	18,447	584	60,611	7,228
July, 1952	14,369	735	65,780	8,819
7 Months ended July, 1953	73,565	2,703	533,299	56,375
7 Months ended July, 1952	65,371	3,143	456,545	64,673

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Month	Total Accidents Reported (c)	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage Exceeding £10)	Casualty Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured
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METROPOLITAN (a)

	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1953</u> -					
January	1,100	316	164	6	197
February	1,072	271	176	8	237
March	1,110	286	178	5	217
April (d)	1,117	319	169	12	186
May (d)	1,242	381	167	13	190
June (d)	1,273	381	154	9	191
July (e)	1,258	360	179	9	206
Total to July	8,172	2,314	1,187	62	1,424

COUNTRY (b)

	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
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January	276	102	75	5	129
February	266	108	65	9	87
March	319	125	95	13	138
April (d)	319	136	81	7	117
May (d)	300	130	86	9	116
June	259	128	62	7	75
Total to June *	1,739	729	464	50	662

- \* Figures for July not yet available. (a) Reported to Police.  
 (b) Reported to either Police or Local Government Authorities.  
 (c) Includes non-casualty accidents where total damage estimated to be £10 or less.  
 (d) Revised. (e) Subject to minor revision.

